

Appl. No. 10/808,075
Amdt. Dated 1 December, 2006
Reply to Office action of 10 October, 2006

REMARKS

This case has been carefully reviewed in light of Office Action dated October 10, 2006. Claims 1-7, 9-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. Claims 1, 11 and 16 have been amended. No new matter has been added. Claims 8 and 22 are canceled. Claims 1-7 and 9-21 remain pending in the present application. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application by the Examiner in light of the following remarks offered below.

Claims 1-7, 9-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. By the present response, claims 1, 11 and 16 have been amended to include the subject matter of allowable claims 8 and 22 respectively. Claims 1, 11 and 16 now clearly recite "wherein the at least one sensor is an ultrasound sensor". Accordingly, Applicants submit that claims 2-7, 9-10, and 12-20 are allowable by virtue of their dependency from an allowable base claim 1 and 11, as well as for the subject matter they separately recite. Thus, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of claims 1-7, 9-21 under 35 U.S.C §112 be withdrawn.

Summary

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is needed to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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